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ISOLATIONISTS CHALLENGED TO DENOUNCE LINDBERGH'S AND NYE'S ANTI-SEMITIC STATEMENTS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16. (JTA)-- "The American people are waiting, probably in vain, to see if any member of the America First group or any of the isolationist senators will condemn Charles A. Lindbergh for his anti-Semitic speech at Des Moines, or Senator Nye for his anti-Semitic statements before the so-called Subcommittee to Hold Hearings on the Motion Picture Industry and War," the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies declared today.

"Unless and until the isolationist bloc of the Senate, the isolationist America First Committee, and the isolationist leaders of the country generally openly repudiate Senator Nye and Charles Lindbergh, the American people will proceed on the assumption that the isolationist movement in the United States copies the Hitler pattern of anti-Semitism as a means of destroying national unity," the committee said.

Asks Investigation Into Lindbergh's Activities

The Senate and House Military Affairs Committees were urged today by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to start an investigation into the activities of Mr. Lindbergh on the ground that he is "giving aid and comfort" to Nazi strategy. "When Mr. Lindbergh parroted the Nazi propaganda line in this country, as he did in his address last week at Des Moines, Iowa, he was giving aid and comfort to the Nazi war strategy of terror aimed at the United States," the anti-Nazi League argued.

Secretary of the Navy Knox in Chicago yesterday scored Lindbergh. "When my attention was called to Lindbergh's utterances in Des Moines my immediate reaction was that they were dictated by Herr Goebbels himself for this country," Secretary Knox said. "Lindbergh's address was very un-American."

The Daily Mirror, a Hearst newspaper in New York, in an editorial today, demanded "an investigation to discover, condemn and crush the sources and the common motives behind the deliberate anti-Semitism spread by two speeches, first by Nye, second by Lindbergh."

Arthur Bria, chairman of the Minnesota anti-Defamation League, in a letter to Gen. Robert Wood, head of the America First Committee, asked that the Committee repudiate Lindbergh's anti-Jewish assertions. "Lindbergh's statements reveal either such a gross ignorance as to discredit the responsibility of the America First Committee, or else his following of the Hitler line that 'the very enormity of a lie contributes to its success,'" Mr. Bria said.

THREE AMERICAN RELIGIOUS LEADERS REACH ENGLAND TO STUDY SOCIAL TRENDS

LONDON, Sept. 16. (JTA)-- Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, Presbyterian minister and president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews in America, Father Vincent C. Donovan, a Dominican Order priest and head of the Catholic Thought Association and Rabbi Morris S. Lazaron of Baltimore reached London today after crossing the Atlantic by plane. They will make a first-hand study of the religious and social trends among the people in organized religious groups in England and Ireland. They are scheduled to remain in England until the end of September.

USSISHKIN RECOVERING FROM OPERATION

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16. (JTA)-- M.M. Ussishkin, president of the Jewish National Fund, is now recovering from a slight operation he underwent at the Hadassa hospital here.

DUTCH POPULATION DEMONSTRATES CONTEMPT FOR NAZI ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 16. (JTA)-- Demonstrating their contempt for the anti-Jewish propaganda which the Nazis are conducting in the Netherlands, crowds of Hollanders flock to the theatres where the Nazi anti-Jewish film "The Eternal Jew" is being shown under orders from Berlin, and sit through the entire performance with their backs to the screen, it was reliably reported here today.

A report reaching here from Amsterdam states that the Nazi authorities in Holland this week issued an order compelling all Jews there to wear a yellow Star of David over their heart. The order specified that the special anti-Jewish war regulations now prevailing in Germany, subjecting Jews to a curfew and prohibiting them from traveling from one city to another, are automatically to be applied to the Jews of Holland.

LITHUANIAN JEWISH EVACUEES ON FARMS IN MONGOLIA, SIBERIA

LONDON, Sept. 16. (JTA)-- Several thousand Lithuanian Jews who were evacuated by Soviet authorities prior to the German invasion of their country, have been settled on farms in Soviet Mongolia and Eastern Siberia, according to reliable information received here.

The evacuation of the Jews in Lithuania was started a week before the actual invasion. Although it is not known what principles governed the Soviet authorities in selecting the evacuees, it has been established that many non-Communists, former traders and religious Jews were among them. The Soviet officials did everything to provide the Jewish refugees with the necessities of life, the report states.

SYNAGOGUES TURNED OVER TO MORAVIAN CHURCH TO SAVE THEM FROM NAZIS

ZURICH, Sept. 16. (JTA)-- Jewish congregations in the Czech Protectorate are turning their synagogues over to the Czech Moravian Church to prevent their destruction at the hands of the Nazis, it is disclosed in the Nazi-controlled newspaper, Obrana Naroda, reaching here today.

The Czech paper reveals that synagogues throughout the Protectorate are being "liquidated." Some have been burned down while others have had all their windows broken. Some congregations are attempting to sell their synagogues to save them from the Nazi vandalism.

VAAD LEUMI WILL SEND DELEGATION TO AMERICA

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16. (JTA)-- The Vaad Leumi today decided to send a delegation to the United States within the near future. Delegates will include Rabbi Isaac Zev Soloveitchik representing the Zionists A, Joshua Suprasski representing Zionists B, Berl Katznelson, editor of Davar, representing the Laborites and an as yet unnamed delegate from the Mizrahi. The exact date when the group will leave Palestine is still uncertain.

FOUR JEWISH HOSTAGES EXECUTED BY NAZI FIRING SQUAD IN PARIS

VICHY, Sept. 16. (JTA)-- Four Jews, two of them over sixty years old, were among the ten hostages executed today by a Nazi firing squad in Paris in retaliation for alleged attacks on members of the German army of occupation last week.

The names of the four, as they appear on the list issued by the German authorities, are: Isidor Bernheim, 72; Lucien Blum, 62; David Lieberman, 19; and Henri Beckerman, 21.

COUNCIL AGAINST INTOLERANCE PLANS SESQUI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF BILL OF RIGHTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA)-- Waiving the self-imposed restriction which prevents the President of the United States from accepting honorary chairmanship of any except official organizations, President Roosevelt, in a letter to Herbert Bayard Swope, expressed his readiness to act as honorary chairman of the Bill of Rights Sesqui-Centennial celebration which is being arranged by the Council Against Intolerance in America, it was announced today. Mr. Swope is national chairman of the Celebration Committee.

The 150th anniversary of the adoption of the Bill of Rights will occur on Dec. 15th. The celebration is to be nation-wide in its observance. The Sesqui-Centennial Committee is composed of representatives of all faiths, drawn from all sections in America, and includes leaders of those national organizations which have charged themselves with the duty of upholding the ideals of tolerance and equality written into the law of the land through the Bill of Rights.

In announcing the celebration, Mr. Swope said: "In these days, when forces within and without our country seek to destroy the ideals of liberty, tolerance and equality, it is imperative that we who believe in them reaffirm our faith and rekindle it in the hearts of the despondent."

Schools throughout America, fraternal, civic organizations, and churches of every creed will be asked to participate in the celebration. Governors and Mayors of cities throughout the United States will be invited to issue a proclamation in celebration of Bill of Rights Day. Leaders of both major parties in the Senate and the House of Representatives have agreed to introduce resolutions in recognition of the day and to arrange for joint or separate commemorative exercises. The Council Against Intolerance, in cooperation with national organizations, will issue a resolution re-affirming the principles embodied in the Bill of Rights which will be sent for adoption to every important organization planning a national or state convention between today and December 15th.

In his letter accepting the honorary chairmanship of the celebration committee, President Roosevelt wrote to Mr. Swope: "Ordinarily, I do not accept honorary posts in connection with observances with which I do not have an official connection. This is because of the great number of invitations which come to me asking support of very meritorious undertakings. Because of the outstanding character of this anniversary I shall be happy to become the Honorary Chairman."

PALESTINE DISCOVERY WILL SPEED TANK PRODUCTION

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16. (JTA)-- An important discovery which will greatly improve production of tanks has been made by a young Jewish scientist at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, it was disclosed today.

It is understood that the various details have already been turned over to the British authorities. They, however, refuse to divulge any information concerning the discovery.

RALPH E. SAMUEL HEADS FEDERATION OF JEWISH CHARITIES DRIVE

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA)-- Ralph E. Samuel has been appointed chairman of the 1941 merged fund-raising campaign of the New York and Brooklyn Federations of Jewish Charities, it was announced today by former Supreme Court Justice Joseph M. Proskauer, chairman of last year's joint drive.

The New York and Brooklyn Federations support 116 medical and social welfare agencies, the announcement said.